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Docket No. NC 80,245

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: HIGH-POWER FIBER OPTIC MODULATOR

SYSTEM AND METHOD

## **AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the office action dated November 19, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendment and remarks. Authorization is hereby provided to charge the fee of \$110 for a one month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-0281.

## IN THE CLAIMS

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36.00 CH Please amend claims 1, 11, and 20 as shown below in clean form. A marked-up copy of amended claims is attached hereto.

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1. (Amended) A fiber optic modulator system, comprising:

an optical source;

a first polarization maintaining (PM) coupler for splitting a signal received

from said source into two optical paths, said two paths forming a Mach Zender

Modulator (MZM);

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